

# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## DOBSON AND ALMA SCHOOL ROADS

U.S. 60 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

OCTOBER 2001



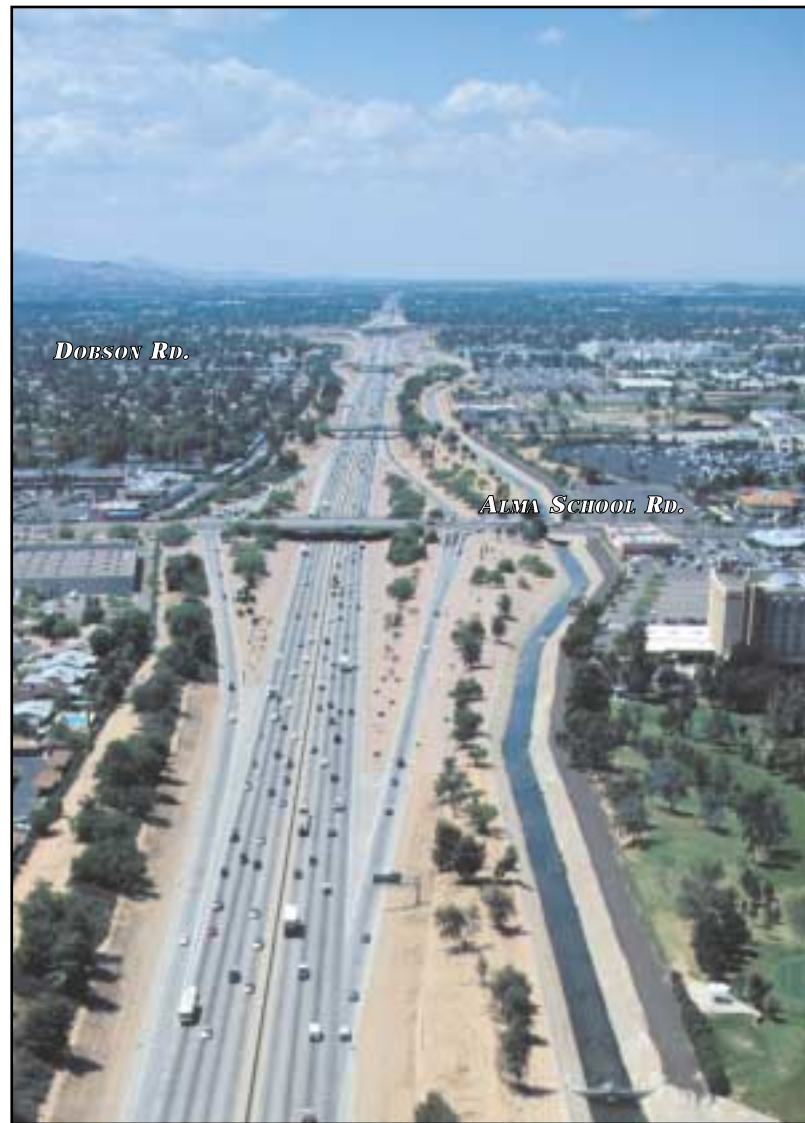
U.S. 60 crossings at Dobson and Alma School roads are being renovated to provide new walkways for pedestrians and enhance traffic operations with new turn lanes to the Superstition Freeway. Work begins in November under a \$3.7 million contract awarded in September to Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc., Phoenix, by the State Transportation Board.

Traffic capacity at the interchanges will be increased by widening the crossroads north and south of the Superstition and modifying bridge decks over the freeway to provide two left turn lanes in each direction to U.S. 60. Sidewalks will be removed and new stand-alone pedestrian bridges will be constructed on both sides of the existing structures, greatly improving pedestrian safety.

Several special design considerations were addressed including maintaining traffic during construction for motorists and pedestrians alike, relocating numerous overhead and underground utilities, and restoring disturbed landscaping. Construction operations were also developed to avoid disruptions to area commercial and retail facilities, especially during the Christmas shopping season.

Modernization of the Dobson and Alma School structures will be completed through four phases of construction continuing through spring 2002.

Work will begin within work zones on U.S. 60 where center piers will be built. With installation of new abutments, girders will be completed to span the freeway and decks will be placed for separate walkways. This work will be finished on the west side of the existing structures first and then be duplicated on the east side. When the walkways are finished and new bridge lanes have been added the contractor will finish median islands for the crossroad's approaches to the renovated freeway bridges.



Construction will be closely coordinated with the Superstition Freeway Design-Build project that began last summer to avoid unnecessary traffic detours and delays.

Full weekend closures of the Superstition Freeway are required to establish work zones and complete overhead work, and occasional overnight closures may occur as well. Traffic restrictions on Dobson and Alma School roads will be minimized as work advances over the freeway.



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## CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS

New pedestrian walkways and operational improvements at crossings of U.S. 60 will occur at several interchanges in the near future.

### Improvement Plan:

Mesa Drive at U.S. 60

Rural Road at U.S. 60

McClintock Drive at U.S. 60

### Work Begins:

Early '02

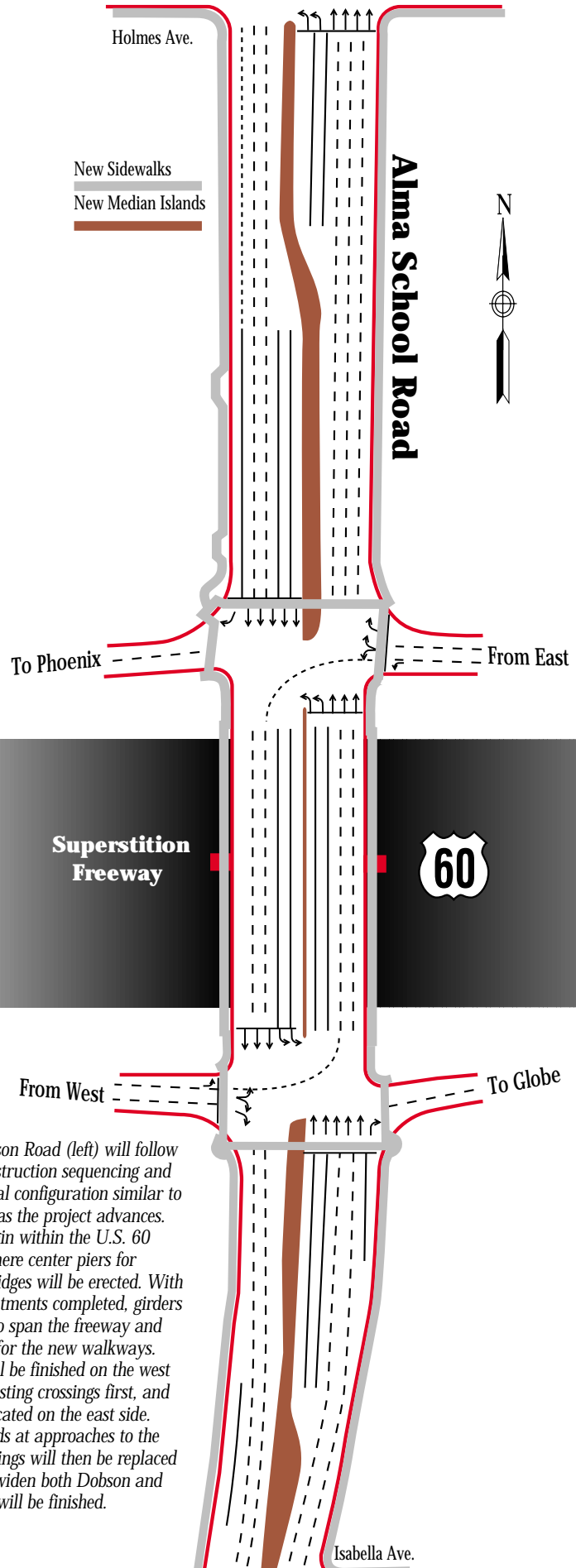
Spring '02

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Interchange improvements will follow, as funding allows, at Stapley Road, Gilbert Road, Val Vista Drive and at Higley Road.



## FINAL CONFIGURATION SPRING 2002



Work at Dobson Road (left) will follow the same construction sequencing and produce a final configuration similar to Alma School as the project advances. Work will begin within the U.S. 60 work zone where center piers for pedestrian bridges will be erected. With piers and abutments completed, girders will be built to span the freeway and decks placed for the new walkways. This work will be finished on the west side of the existing crossings first, and then be duplicated on the east side. Median islands at approaches to the freeway crossings will then be replaced and work to widen both Dobson and Alma School will be finished.